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## V. PUBLICATION AND FILM NEWS

### \*RECENT BOOKS, ARTICLES, MONOGRAPHS

Blatter, Ethelbert

1984 Beautiful Flowers of Kashmir. Reprint, 2 v., 402 p., ill., 22 cm.

The beautiful valley of Kashmir, proverbially known 'as the heaven on earth', abounds in mountainous flora which Blatter's book focuses upon. The author offers a meticulous study of a wide variety of flowers of the region, describing, among other things, characteristic features of each individual species, its flowering season, and distribution.

Rendered in a language which reduces the technical jargon to the minimum, the book comprises black and white sketches of every species, ably supported with a glossary and an index of popular and botanical names. There is little doubt that this 'reprint' will have a general appeal to both the specialists and the non-specialists.

Order from: D. K. Agencies  
H-12, Bali Nagar  
New Delhi - 110015  
INDIA

Price: US \$79.00

Chib, S. S.

1984 Kanauras of the Trans Himalaya. vii, 216 p., maps, plates, 23 cm.

Of the various tribes that inhabit the mystical heights and downs of the Himalayas, the Kanauras shot into the limelight after the Chinese aggression of 1962 and the earthquake of 1975. They, (the Kanauras) are a tribe inhabiting Kinnaur, the partly trans Himalaya region lying adjacent to Western Tibet.

The study, developed from the author's extensive, painstaking fieldwork, delineates the Kanauras, their history, economy, habitat and culture, and also seeks to explore the rich, yet hitherto unknown cultural heritage of the Kinnaur region.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$30.00

Guenther, Herbert V.

1984 Matrix of Mystery: Scientific and Humanistic Aspects of rDzogs-chen Thought. Illustrated.

Utilizing a key root Buddhist scripture, the Guhyagarbha ("Matrix of Mystery"), along with dozens of commentaries from Tibetan texts, Professor Guenther presents the highest (Ati) teachings of the Nyingma school. In relating these teachings to modern scientific and humanistic perspectives, he demonstrates how, in many cases, the traditional religious and modern secular perspectives interface.

Order from: Shambhala Publications Inc.  
P.O. Box 271 T  
Boulder, Colorado 80306 USA

Price: US \$22.50 cloth (add \$1.75 for postage and handling)

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)  
1984 Mountain Development: Challenges and Opportunities

The proceedings of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development's First International Symposium and Inauguration held at Kathmandu, December 1-5, 1983.

Order from: The Publications Office, ICIMOD  
4/80 Jawalakhel  
GPO Box 3226  
Kathmandu, NEPAL

Price: US \$10 or equivalent in local currency.

Jackson, David P. and Janice A.

1984 Tibetan Thangka Painting: Methods and Materials. 185 illustrations.

Using as their primary resources some twenty traditional painters, David and Janice Jackson have compiled the most comprehensive study ever of Tibetan scroll painting. The book contains illustrations detailing the main steps in technique, as well as masterpieces from the Victoria and Albert Museum's thangka collections.

Order from Shambhala Publications Inc. (address above)

Price: US \$32.50 cloth (add \$1.75 for postage and handling)

Justice, Judith

1985 Policies, Plans and People: Culture and Health Development in Nepal. University of California Press (forthcoming).

Kotturan, George

1983 The Himalayan gateway: history and culture of Sikkim. 22 cm., 172 pp.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$15.00

Lukacs, John R. (ed.)

1984 The Peoples of South Asia: The Biological Anthropology of India, Pakistan & Nepal

Contains 8 articles on the Paleoanthropology of South Asian populations and 12 papers on the human biology (ecology, genetics & morphology) of living South Asians.

Order from: Plenum Publishing Co.  
223 Spring Street  
New York, New York 10013 USA

Military History of Nepal.

1983 In two parts. (c. 1824), 32 cm., xxxiv, 998 p., 2 illustrations

Nepal, wedged between two giants — India and China — has always been in a vulnerable position of crucial geopolitical significance. But by and large, for centuries it has remained independent and isolated from outside influences, ruled by several Hindu Kings. However, in the early nineteenth century, the Gorkhas in Nepal rose to power, overthrew several other kings and made incursions into the north-eastern frontiers of British India. The outcome was a two-year campaign by the British against the Gorkhas, with support from some native kings.

A clear picture of this campaign can be obtained from this work. Divided into two parts, it contains all pertinent documents and correspondence relating to the campaign. Before planning their action, the British had to obtain vital information about the terrain of Nepal, hitherto unexplored by them. The surveys and observations of field officers provided data about the roads, bridges, riverways, etc. The officers' reports also contained invaluable information relevant to every aspect; from suggested modifications of the troops' uniform and foot-wear to suit the hilly terrain; to facts about local people (merchants, petty kings, etc.) who would be useful allies. A detailed narrative of the war is also presented. The facts about the organization, equipment and supply of troops, the operation of each troop, and the outcome of each engagement with the enemy are evident from these dispatches.

The work provides a singular account of the typical way in which the British launched their campaigns in South Asia, during the height of their imperialist rule. Their attention towards detail, methodicity and the remarkable abilities of their officers made it possible for them to execute several successful military campaigns like the present one. All in all, the scholars specializing in history, military strategy, and those interested in Nepal will find this a useful work.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: \$250.

Myers, Diana K. with Arthur Alden Leeper and Valrae Reynolds  
1985 Temple, Household, Horseback: Rugs of the Tibetan Plateau. 112 pages, 6 color plates, 74 black and white illustrations.

Temple, Household, Horseback: Rugs of the Tibetan Plateau is the catalog of the world's first exhibition of Tibetan rugs, held at the The Textile Museum, Washington, D.C., from November 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985. Of special interest to art historians and collectors are the illustrations of 70 rugs, most of which have never before been published. They reflect the quality and diversity of Tibetan holdings of The Textile Museum; the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; The Museum for Textiles (Toronto); and many private collections.

Vibrant with color and graced with auspicious symbols, Tibetan rugs display a fascinating panorama of dragons and snow lions, peonies and phoenixes, lotuses and pearls of happiness. They are, however, among the least studied of all pile rugs, although their production in south central Tibet attracted Western attention in the late nineteenth century. Numerous British trade emissaries and explorers who traversed the Himalayas at that time noted the ubiquitous household craft in villages and in workshops operating on the estates of the local nobility. Their reports fascinated the Colonial Office and trading station staff as well as members of the Royal Geographical Society. Traditionally produced for a multitude of utilitarian and decorative functions, Tibetan pile weavings remained little-known to the world until the Chinese occupation of 1959 and the establishment of refugee settlements in neighboring Nepal and India. Self-help organizations sought to maintain native skills essential to life on the Tibetan plateau, and to adapt them to commercial use for export.

While the variety of specialized formats seen in Tibetan rugs indicates they and similar textiles have long been an integral part of life on the Tibetan plateau, the origin and development of traditional pile weaving with its distinctive characteristics remain shrouded in mystery. This relatively obscure craft is analyzed in the exhibition catalog, Temple, Household, Horseback: Rugs of the Tibetan Plateau.

The introduction by Valrae Reynolds, curator of Oriental Collections at the Newark Museum, describes Tibet's geography and political history, its development into a unique religious state, and its culture, which is more familiar through its colorful and highly sophisticated sacred arts. Arthur Alden Leeper explores archaeological evidence and other sources for clues to the antiquity of Tibetan rugs and the distinctive cut-loop structure of their pile.

The chapters by Diana K. Myers, guest curator of the Textile Museum exhibition, document the development of the craft since the 18th century and emphasize the post-1870 period of aristocratic patronage. She examines how the Tibetan weavers absorbed, modified, and reinterpreted symbols of other cultures. An essay on materials, weaving techniques, and dyeing introduces new perspectives towards an understanding of the evolution of Tibetan rug making. This comprehensive catalog includes a survey of the secular and religious functions of rugs as a framework for detailed discussion of the designs and structures of individual examples.

Both the catalog and the exhibition were supported by a grant from SCM Corporation.

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Order from: The Textile Museum  
2320 'S' Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008 USA

Price: U.S. \$27.50 (soft cover)  
U.S. \$22.00 Textile Museum Members  
For postage and handling for each book add \$2.75 domestic surface  
\$4.00 overseas surface

Polunin, Oleg and Adam Stainton

1984 Flowers of the Himalaya. xxx, 580 p, 128 p. of coloured plates: ill., 23 cm.

Perhaps the first to identify, in their totality, the wild flora of the Himalaya (from Kashmir and Ladakh to Nepal and Sikkim), this voluminous text characterizes about 1500 species vegetating the higher altitudes between 1200 and 5500 m. Profusely illustrated with over 690 colour photographs and 315 line sketches, the book's added attraction is a glossary and a bibliography. The study is based on the Himalayan collections of the British Museum and also on the recently compiled "Enumeration of the Flowering Plants of Nepal" published by the British Museum.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$70.00

Prindle, Peter H.

TINGLATAR: Socio-Economic Relationship of a Brahmin Village in Eastern Nepal.  
X157 pp., List of tables 18, List of Illustrations 14, Colour plates 16. Volume 15, Series III of Bibliotheca Himalayica.

Tinglatar is a rural agricultural village in Eastern Nepal near Okhaldhunga Bazar. This study gives the detail chapters on peasant communities and Tinglatar, the social context, the political context and Tinglatar as a community.

Order from: Ratna Pustak Bhandar  
Post Box 98  
Bhotahity, Kathmandu  
NEPAL

Price: US \$15.00

Richardson, Hugh E.

1984 Tibet and its History. Second Edition, Revised and Updated. Illustrated.

The only complete history of Tibet in English, this is a lucid and straightforward history of the country from its beginnings in the sixth century A.D. to the present day. The book has been updated to include an account of Tibet's recent history as an "autonomous region" of Communist China.

Order from Shambhala Publications Inc. (address above)

Price: US \$19.95 cloth (add \$1.75 for postage and handling)

Saklani, Girija

1984 The Uprooted Tibetans in India: A Sociological Study of Continuity and Change. xx, 1152 p., 13 leaves of plates, 3 maps, 22 cm.

A study of the trauma and social change among a people whose social system had for many centuries been the most stubbornly change-resistant and tradition-bound. The work profiles the scale, direction and processes of change in the structural and behavioural patterns and brings out the new Tibetan identity shaping through the acutest stresses and strains, flux and ferment, common to most refugee conditions. Chiefly based on sociological investigations, the findings reveal that the rapidly unfolding scenario of change in the Tibetan social system is no less fascinating than their vaunted past.

The study also probes the refugees' responses to the settlement policy and programmes, the processes of interaction between the Tibetan refugees and the host people and their cultures, and most importantly the ideological changes that the new generation of Tibetans have imbibed and the way they envision their future.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$45.00

Sharma, Dewan Chand

1983 Kashmir under the Sikhs. 1st ed. 334 p., 13 p. of plates: 48 ill. 1 folded map, 22 cm.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$30.00

Shreshtha, Kusum

1984 Monarchy in Nepal: Tribhuvan Era. ix, 282 p., 22 cm.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$30.00

Tewari, Udai Narain

1983 Resurgent Tibet: a cause for nonaligned movement. 1st ed., x, 138 p., 22 cm.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$15.00

Thakur, V. C. and K. K. Sharma, eds.

1983 Geology of Indus Suture Zone of Ladakh. 205 p., plates, maps, 26 cm.

Order from D. K. Agencies (address above)

Price: US \$41.00 (ubd.)

Thurman, Robert A. F.

Tsong Khapa's Speech of Gold in the "Essence of True Eloquence", Reason & Enlightenment in the Central Philosophy of Tibet. 475 pp.

Order from: Princeton University Press  
3175 Princeton Pike  
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 USA

Price: US \$50.00

Tibetan Rug News

1984 This booklet contains reprints from the Tibetan Rug Association Newsletters published 1982-83. The essays by Diana K. Myers, Donna K. Strahan and Jane M. Schnell were selected and compiled into a handy five-by-seven booklet of information about Tibetan rugs. In addition to the articles on design, dying, dyestuffs, structure, symbols, and conservation, an index and a glossary were added. All the previous illustrations are supplemented by six new whole rug drawings and block prints.

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3842 Windom Place NW  
Washington, DC 20016 USA

Price: \$5.00 within USA & Canada. Add \$1.00 for overseas postage (surface).  
10 copies or more: \$3.00 each plus postage. Send price of booklets with your order, you will be billed for the postage, or you may estimate the postage if you prefer.

Make check or money order payable to: Tibetan Rugs

Vrihat Nepali Sabdakosh (A Comprehensive Dictionary of Nepali)

1984 Kathmandu: Royal Nepal Academy

This is by far the most comprehensive dictionary of Nepali language. Apart from the simple definition the dictionary also provides the derivative, dialectal and etymological descriptions of the lexicons. It also provides historical, anthropological and geographical information about Nepal.

For ordering information contact: Linguistic Society of Nepal  
Tribhuvan University  
Kirtipur, Kathmandu  
NEPAL  
or the publishers

Yadav, Ramawatar

1984 Maithili Phonetics and Phonology. Mainz, West Germany: Selden & Tamm.

This book is the first full-length phonetic study of Maithili — an Indo-Aryan language spoken in Nepal and India. The experimental methods used in this study are mainly acoustic and fiberoptic in nature. This book is a revised version of a doctoral dissertation submitted to the University of Kansas, USA in 1979.

For ordering information contact Linguistic Society of Nepal (address above) or the publisher

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Environmental Design, the journal of the Islamic Environmental Design Research Centre, is the only international magazine dedicated to the environment analysis and design in the Islamic countries. It has been created in order to diffuse information and exchange ideas of scholars in the field of environmental sciences, building technicians, architects and orientalists.

The principal subject under study being the town and territory, Environmental Design tends to concentrate the attention on the problems of design and organization of the territory; the analysis of the positive values of the traditional town and the addition of new architecture in the environment. Considering the architectural language in the Islamic countries today between tradition and modernism.

The first issue is dedicated to: Urban India before the Raj.

Edited by Attilio Petracchioli. The format of the magazine is 21 x 29, 7 cm. (A4), containing approximately 80 plates. Richly illustrated with more than a hundred images. It is published twice every year. Sales and subscription care of Herder Bookshop, P.zza Montecitorio 120, 00186 Roma, Italy, Tel. 6794628. A single issue costs in Italy it. lire 25.000; in foreign countries minimum price it. lire 32.000. A yearly subscription costs in Italy it. lire 50.000; in foreign countries it. lire 64.000.

#### **\*NEW AND FORTHCOMING CNAS PUBLICATIONS**

The Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies at Tribhuvan University offers a Strategic Studies Series. The most recent volume, Number 1/Autumn 1984, includes the following:

- A Note from the Desk of the Chief Editor.
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- "Sino-US Relations: Implications of the Recent Summit Diplomacy," by Dhruba Kumar



- "Ustinov's Visit to India: A Reinforcement of Indo-Soviet Ties," by Krishna P. Khanal
- "The Emerging Political Demography in South Asia and its Implications for SARC," by Lok Raj Baral
- "Least Developed Countries: A Common Approach to Developmental Problems," by Yasoda Suwal
- A book review of Nepal: A Small Nation in the Vortex of International Conflicts Regional Cooperation in South Asia

The Strategic Studies Series is available at CNAS, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal. Copies may be purchased individually or through subscription. Subscription rates:

Country	Nepal	India	Other Countries
Single Copy	Rs.40.00	IC Rs. 40.00	US\$ 10.00
One Year	Rs.150.00	IC Rs. 150.00	US\$ 40.00
Airmail postage is included.			

CNAS is also undertaking a "CNAS Book on Nepal." The project envisages to sponsor two different types of publication — Type A and Type B.

Type A publication will be a single volume with the following topics:

Geography and Ecology; Ethnography and Social Structure; History — ancient, medieval; modern, and contemporary; Political Institutions; Political Processes and Innovations; Land System and Agriculture; the Economy; Trade; Industry; Transport and Communications; Education; the Social Services; Planning and Development; Demography; Culture and Religion; Art and Architecture; Language and Literature. Foreign Policy.

Type B publication will consist of a set of approximately 12 separate sizable volumes. Each volume will be devoted to 8 sub-themes of the following areas:

1. Geography and Ecology
2. Ethnography and Social Structure
3. History
4. Political Institutions, Processes, and Innovations
5. The Economy: Planning and Development
6. Agriculture and Land System
7. Culture and Religion
8. Education
9. Language and the Literacy Heritage
10. Demography
11. Social Services
12. Industry, Transport, and Communications.

Each topic will be dealt with by a well-known Nepalese expert in the field. The target readership will be Nepali and/or foreign readers who want to have information on everything on Nepal.

#### **\*NEW FILM FROM THE WISCONSIN SOUTH ASIA AREA CENTER**

A 30-minute film has been added to the WISAAC Outreach collection of multi-media materials about South Asia. Entitled High in the Himalayas, the film introduces Sir Edmund Hillary and his family as they camp at Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska, and in the Antarctic. The family of 5 is then shown preparing to climb Mt. Taweche in the Himalayas. Beautiful panorama views of snowy mountains provide a background for these scenes. The second half of this lovely film shows the Hillarys' relationship with the Sherpa communities who live in this mountainous area of Nepal, and shows the tangible help they have been able to provide. A new hospital, school and piped-in running water, manpower and theoretical expertise in building bridges and a huge terrace project are shown. This part of the film focuses on non-mechanized construction practices, using ingenuity and human power to move fresh-cut timbers several miles from the forest to the river's edge, and moving stones to build a wall. The film ends as the Sherpa community thanks the Hillary family during a majestic seasonal harvest festival filled with feasting, dance and music at a Buddhist monastery.

The film is a gift from Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s Film Library. It is suitable for general audiences. The film is available on loan for 30 days from the WISAAC Outreach Office, 1249 Van Hise Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

#### **\*RESOURCE GUIDE ON SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN**

South Asian Women at Home & Abroad: A Guide to Resources 1984, edited by Jyotsna Vaid, Barbara Miller and Janice Hyde, is the 2nd in a new monograph series published by COSAW.

For information and to order, contact Barbara Miller, Metropolitan Studies Program, 400 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210, USA.

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| 94. Davis and Pokhrel, Durga. <u>Planning Non-Formal Education for the Dakas of Nepal</u> . Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1984. 54 pages.  | US \$7.00 |
| 95. Pokhrel, Durga. <u>The National Development Service of Nepal</u> . Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1984. 52 pages.   | 7.00      |
| 96. Graham, Jack W. <u>The Challenge to Higher Education in Nepal</u> . Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1984. 20 pages (Paper read 13th South Asia Conf., U. Wisc., Nov. 2-4, 1984)  | 4.00      |
| 97. Sharma, Madhav P. <u>Determinants of Educational Participation in Nepal</u> . Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1984. 21 pages. (Paper read 13th South Asia Conf., U. Wisc. Summary for 120 schools, specifics for Lungruppa.)   | 4.00      |
| 98. Sharma, Yadav P. et al. Occasional papers: "How the Density of On-Campus International Students Affects the Attitudes of U.S. Students" and "The Value of Overseas Experiences to the International Education Program." <u>International Education</u> , 13:20-27, 1984; and <u>Jr of Stu's in Tech Careers</u> , 6:177-86, 1984. 19 pages. | 3.50      |
| 99. Thapa, Poonam, and Conway, Dennis. <u>Internal Migration in Contemporary Nepal: Models which Internalize Development Policies</u> . Oceanside, OR, 1984. 16 pages. (Paper read 29th N. Am. Meetings, Regional Science Association.)   | 3.00      |

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#### **\*ICIMOD NEWSLETTER**

The International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD 4/80 Jawalakhel, GPO Box 3226, Kathmandu) now publishes a newsletter to provide information about the Centre's various activities and about progress with the Work Programmes. It will also specifically cover the mountain

regions of the eight countries of the Hindu Kush-Himalaya region, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan - all of whom are 'participating countries' of ICIMOD.

In order to make the Newsletter fully comprehensive the Editor welcomes contributions from readers giving information and notes on any aspect of mountain development in Hindu Kush-Himalaya region.

#### **\*RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE LIBRARY OF TIBETAN WORKS AND ARCHIVES**

The Library of Tibetan Works and Archives offers a new publications list for 1984. The list includes 36 items on philosophy, primarily dealing with Tibetan Buddhism; a complete listing of the articles that have been published in the Tibetan Medicine series; tables of contents for all back issues of the Tibet Journal, published by the library; and 44 Tibetan language items on a variety of subjects. To receive a copy of the publication list, write the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala H.P., India - 176 215.

Recent issues of the Tibet Journal contain the following articles and other items:

- Volume IX, No. 1 (Spring 1984)
  - "Legal Aspects of Land Tenure in Tibetan Society," by Thomas W. Wiley
  - "The Measurement of Lag'don Tax in Tibet," by Surkhang Wangchen Gelek
  - "The System of Ha Sang Mahayana According to Pelliot No. 117," by G.W. Houston
  - Review of Death, Intermediate State and Rebirth in Tibetan Buddhism (Lsati Rinbochay and Jeffrey Hopkins), by G.W. Houston
  - Review of Buddhist Concepts Old and New (ed. Buddhadasa P. Kirthisinghe), by G.W. Houston
  - Review of Tantric Practice in Nying-ma (Khetsun Sangpo Rinbochay and Jeffrey Hopkins), by G.W. Houston
- Volume IX, No. 2 (Summer 1984)
  - "The Twelve Deeds of the Buddha - A Controversial Hymn Ascribed to Nagarjuna," by Lobsang Dargay
  - "Lhamo: The Folk Opera of Tibet," by Lobsang Dorjee
  - "The Buddhist 'Cosmos' in Tibetan Tradition," by A.N. Zelensky
  - "A Short History of Tibetan Script," by Ribur Ngawang Gyatso
  - "Tibetan Thangka Painting: A Short History," by Thupten Sangay
  - "The Eight Chief Rules for Bhikkunis," by Dr. Arree Phongsai
  - Review of A Catalogue of the United States Library of Congress: Collection of Tibetan Literature on Microfiche (Musashi Tachikawa), by Bhikku Pasadika
- Volume IX, No. 3 (Autumn 1984)
  - "A Biography of His Holiness the 16 Karmapa," by Tashi Tsering
  - "Hunter's Moon: A Short Story," by Sonam Tenzin
  - "Poems of a Young Tibetan," by Sonam Tenzin
  - "Rinchen Zangpo: The Great Tibetan Translator," by Tsepak Rigzin
  - "The Thirteen Dalai Lama's Experiment in Modern Education," by K. Dhondup

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The Agricultural Development Council in Nepal, in conjunction with the Agricultural Projects Services Center, publishes a research paper series on agricultural issues in Nepal. The most recent number in the series, Number 25, was published in May 1984.

Production and Price Responsiveness of Crops in Nepal (No. 25)  
Som P. Pudasaini

This study examines the production pattern, resource productivity and price responsiveness of rice, wheat, maize, and sugarcane in the terai and hill regions of Nepal.

Crop yields were low in all regions of Nepal from 1967/68 to 1982/83. Rice and maize yields began to decline beginning in the mid-1970s, the largest yield decline occurring in the mountain region, followed

by the hills and terai. The wheat yield continued to increase marginally during the whole period in the hills and terai, while it started to drop in the mountain beginning in the mid-1970s. rice and maize production peaked in the mid-1970s and has stagnated or declined since then. While wheat production registered a modest increase in the terai and hill regions throughout the study period, it declined in the mountains. Area expansion was the main source of increased production for all crops.

Fertilizer contributed positively to crop production in both the terai and hill regions but its impact was stronger in the former. Capital investments in traditional tools and area expansion had lower returns than their respective opportunity costs in both regions. The marginal value products of labor in the terai and of the bullocks in the hills exceeded their respective opportunity costs. Education contributed positively to production.

Price responsiveness for marketed crops (sugarcane and wheat) was higher than for subsistence (rice and maize) crops. Output supply and input demand were more elastic to changes in output prices than to input prices. Both output and input price elasticities of all crops were higher in the terai than in the hills.

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